

6491. Adulteration of sardines. U. S. * * * v. 200 Cases and 140 Cases * * * of Sardines. Consent and default decrees of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 8765. I. S. No. 12628-p. S. No C-775.)

On February 7, 1918, and February 8, 1918, the United States attorney for the District of Minnesota, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district libels praying the seizure and condemnation of 200 cases and 140 cases, each containing 100 cans of sardines, at Minneapolis, Minn., and St. Paul, Minn., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about November 5, 1917, by the Puritan Canning Co., Plymouth, Mass., and transported from the State of Massachusetts into the State of Minnesota, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part, "Sandwich Brand American Sardines, * * * Packed by Puritan Canning Co., Plymouth, Mass."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in part of a decomposed animal substance.

On April 20, 1918, and June 18, 1918, the cases having come on for hearing, and the Puritan Canning Co., Plymouth, Mass., consignor of the goods in the first case, having consented to a decree, and no claimant having appeared for the property in the latter case, judgments of condemnation and forfeiture were entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

J. R. RIGGS, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*